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For: "Macrophage Derived Chemokine )  
(MDC), MDC Analogs, MDC )  
Inhibitor Substances, and Uses )  
Thereof" )  
Group Art Unit: 1648 )  
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Sir:

The Applicants request consideration of the claims in view of the following remarks prior to further examination on the merits.

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**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.